

Americana! No Such Thing.
"The only thing you don't see on this street," said a conductor of a street car on West Broadway, "is an American. But there ain't no Americans, any way, except the Indians, and a schoolma'am told me t'other day that the Indians came from Norway about 4,000 years ago. She said they found some bones in West Virginia just like some bones they found in Norway, and under the same distance of ground; so I presume the hill-builders—those people that lived in mud houses—are the real Americans. But them, too, were yellow and came from China, so there ain't no Americans, and never have been," concluded the street car conductor, complacently, as he went into the car to collect a fare from some foreigner.—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

Marriage in Morocco.
In Morocco a marriage is preceded by seven days' feast, accompanied with almost incessant music. And the bride certainly cannot lead a happy life. On one of the nights she may not go to rest, but has to lie on the floor, wrapped up in a blanket, while the guests "keep it up," talking, joking and laughing, and do not go home till morning. But the actual wedding-day is quite as tiresome. She is "on view," and must sit on a bed with her eyes shut for some hours, while all her neighbors come to have a good stare at her finery, to express their good wishes and to make a small wedding present.—Leisure Hours.

Coal Is Contraband.
Coal is contraband of war. It must not be sold by a neutral to a belligerent. England's fortified coaling stations, almost as much as her overwhelming navy, assure her the supremacy of every ocean but the Pacific. She would have that if she had the Hawaiian Islands. With the coal in Cuba and Puerto Rico destroyed by agents of the insurgents every Spanish cruiser would have to convey or be conveyed by coilers to conduct an Alabama campaign against our ships, or to attack our less fortified ports.—Chicago Chronicle.

Antidote for Snake Bites.
An exceedingly interesting investigation is at present being carried on with a view to settling a question of immunizing against snake bite by the use of the hornet's sting. It has been found that the bite of a viper loses much of its most dangerous qualities when counteracted by this other poison. To ascertain just how and why it acts is the object of the present research.—N. Y. Ledger.

Mosaic Map of Palestine.
A map of Palestine in mosaic, over 1,500 years old, has been found in unearthing the ruins of an old temple in that country. The mosaic map formed the pavement of the building; and, though many parts of it are missing, the section containing the city of Jerusalem is still practically intact.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Their Dreadful Fate.
"I often wonder," said Miss Sprockett, "what becomes of the popular songs they are so soon forgotten."
"They meet with a dreadful fate," replied Mr. Spokes.
"How is that?"
"Everybody murders them."—Detroit Free Press.

Gave It Away.
Caller (to child, whose mother has left the room for a moment)—Come here to me, my dear.
Infant Terrible—No, I mustn't do that. Mamma told me I must stay sitting in the chair, because there's a hole in the cushion.—Glasgow Citizen.

Only Safe Way.
The Applicant—Haven't been sick a day for 30 years.
The Bank President—Then you won't do. We want a cashier who'll be detained at home by illness on an average of once a week.—N. Y. Journal.

Stops the Cough.
and works off the cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25 cents.

Most of us feel that when we have acknowledged a mistake we have more atoned for it.—Indianapolis News.

Iowa Farms \$4 Per Acre Cash.
bal. 35 crop tillpaid. Mullan, Sioux City, Ia.

It is more difficult for a man to behave well in prosperity than adversity.—Roche-foucauld.

Pink's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

Never take your troubles to bed with you.—United Presbyterian.

PAINFUL PERIODS
are overcome by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



Miss Menard cured after doctors failed to help her.
"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cured me after doctors failed, and I want other girls to know about it. During menstruation I suffered most intense pain low in the abdomen and in my limbs. At other times I had a heavy, depressed feeling which made my work seem twice as hard, and I grew pale and thin. The medicine the doctor gave me did not do me one bit of good, and I was thoroughly discouraged. The doctor wanted me to stop work, but, of course, I could not do that. I finally began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and felt better after taking the first bottle, and after taking six bottles I was entirely cured, and am now in perfect health, and I am so grateful for it."—Miss GEORGE MENARD, 537 E. 12nd St., New York City.
\$3.00 per bottle if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cures female ills when all other means have failed.

THEY TRUCKLE TO TRUSTS.

Treasurer Roberts Tries to Fool the People as to the Cause of High Prices.

As a rule the present heads of the government departments and bureaus recognize the trusts as the real power behind the republican throne, and understand what is required of them if they wish to hold onto their jobs. In short, they serve the trusts. Some serve in their official capacity only, others carry favor and patronage by serving with all their faculties at all times. These latter are the wise ones, as is evident from the kind of men appointed to commissions, bureaus, etc.

Treasurer Ellis H. Roberts was undoubtedly right when he told the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that: "With all other things equal, large additions to the currency carry up the prices of commodities measured by it."

He then said that "notable advances have taken place in the prices of articles of necessity during the past five years." His estimate of the increased cost of living as 25 to 30 per cent. is undoubtedly too low, however.

Treasurer Roberts would have us infer that these increased prices and higher cost of living is due entirely to the additions to the currency of the country. The increase in gold alone in this country, he said, had averaged \$107,783,639 a year since January 1, 1898. He said nothing about the marvelous growth of trusts, since the passage of the Dingley act in 1897, and the probability, amounting almost to a certainty, that most of the advance in prices is due to the monopoly of our markets by these protected trusts. In fact, most of the notable advances can be traced to some trust formed since 1897, or to natural causes, such as poor crops abroad or poor crops at home. Some farm products are selling for less now than in 1897 in spite of the great scarcity abroad. Thus Mr. Roberts mentions wheat as being lower than in 1897.

That the trusts are the real culprits in putting up prices is evident from a consideration of foreign prices. France, England and Germany have increased their gold holdings since 1898 almost as much as has this country. Yet the cost of living in those countries has increased only about one-third as much as here and, in fact, has probably declined considerably during the last two years. In spite of poor crops there, and while it was rapidly rising in our trust-ridden country, Sauerbeck's "index" table shows that prices in England declined five per cent. in 1901, and were only 16 per cent. higher than in 1896. Prices there probably declined further in 1902, although most meat and other products imported from the United States were higher.

It is up to Treasurer Roberts to tell us why, with greatly increased currency, both here and abroad, prices have not risen almost as much there as here. "With all other things equal," he said, "Will he please tell us what other things, that might affect prices, were as unequal in this period as the growth of trusts here and abroad?"

No, he will not. He prefers to play the sycophant and to apologize for trusts. He says:

"Great corporations cannot throttle competition; they arouse it on a larger scale. The giants among them promise moderate prices with a view to steady profit."

Here is trust trucking for you. He well knows that great trusts do throttle competition and charge moderate prices. He knows what the beef and coal trusts did in 1902, for he must have read the reports of the Washington (city) committee that investigated these trusts. He must know that the railroad and coal mining companies in control of the anthracite mines have stopped competition almost absolutely, and are charging prices limited only by the competition from other products and by the fear of the wrath of an outraged people. He is, perhaps, no worse than most others above and below him in the government employ. All recognize and serve their real masters, the trusts that contributed the funds that carried the elections, that put the republican administration in power. They will ever remain faithful to their trusts and will always be ready, at command, to fool the people by throwing statistical dust into their eyes or by injecting official sophistry into their heads, whenever the trusts think there is serious danger of trouble to their monopolies.

BYRON W. HOLT.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS.

—If Hon. Mr. anti-trust bill had been made a law and enforced 30 years ago the crop of multi-millionaires in oil and steel would be small.—N. Y. World.

—With prices of trust products steadily going up and prices of trust stocks steadily going down it looks as though the great economies which were to be effected by "useful and necessary combinations" had not materialized to a particularly gratifying extent.—Chicago Chronicle.

—American army officers returning from the Philippines state that it will be necessary to place the three principal provinces of the island under military rule once more. We may as well look the Philippine problem squarely in the face one time as another—it is merely another Indian problem, but with a vastly superior and more formidable people to deal with, and that, too, under less favorable conditions.—Atlanta Journal.

—If the president of the United States will quit worrying about things that he cannot control, he will have plenty of time to arbitrate the difficulty between Venezuela and the European powers; but it might be better for him to just sit around and talk about the weather with Secretary Hay. The people of this country are willing to pay a chief executive a large salary for being merely ornamental, and the less he has to do the better off is the country. This is consistent with the principle that government which governs the least is the best government.—Cincinnati Enquirer.



UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CAT

SPARE THE HOLY TAXES.

The Tariff Must Not Be Touched, Least We Take Something from the Trusts.

It is interesting to note that while Secretary Shaw recognizes the evil of locking up money in the treasury and proposes to remedy it by facilitating the deposit of public money with national banks neither he nor the president suggests the one natural and proper complete cure, says the Chicago Chronicle.

That is to say, neither of them suggests that the lock-up be prevented by not taking from the people and putting into the treasury more than is needed for public purposes. That is the perfectly obvious and natural thing to do. Yet neither of them suggests it. Why?

Because the use of this remedy for a recognized evil would necessarily involve either increased expenditure or a reduction of taxes.

The former would not do, for it might be very unpopular to increase expenditures which are already enormous. If the latter were proposed it would be impossible to suppress those who wish to abolish or reduce the duties which shelter monopoly, and their demand would bring down the sky with a terrific crash.

What! Touch the inviolable tariff or even point a sacrilegious finger at it? Has not Mr. Roosevelt said in his message that "the mere threat (not to speak of the performance)" to "dislocate" our wonderful system of monopoly shelter "would produce paralysis in the business energies of the country?"

Outrageous! Would anybody utter such a threat and strike down the business energy of the country with paralysis? Anybody so abandoned as to do such a thing should be consigned to torment without hope of reprieve. Therefore there must not be even an official whisper of such a thing as relieving the treasury glut by reducing the taxes.

Taxes must not be touched lest we stab prosperity and bring ruin and desolation upon a land rolling in tariff abundance—or abundance or tariff. Such treason is not to be tolerated for an instant in deed or even in word or in thought.

FREE BEEF, FREE COAL.

Mass Meeting in Boston Demands Both as a Starter Towards Fair Treatment.

A tremendous mass meeting was held in Faneuil hall on December 30. It was called under the auspices of the American Free Trade League. The audience stood on its hind legs and yelled its approval of the most vehement arraignment of the coal, beef, and other trusts. Some of the speakers were Gen. Hazard Stevens, Robert Treat Tamm, Jr., Rev. Edward A. Horton, Hon. Eugene N. Foss, Col. Norman F. Hesselgrave, Hon. Charles S. Hamlin and Samuel W. Mendum.

Among other things Mr. Hesselgrave said:

"Our secretary of the navy has said that the duty on coal was a fraud. The secretary of the treasury has illegally directed custom house officials to neglect the levy. If it was a good thing why was the tax fraudulently imposed and its assessment illegally abated? Since it is a fraud shame on those congressmen who are responsible for it."

Mr. Samuel W. Mendum said:

"The duties on meats are maintained by and for the money oligarchy which controls the American meat market. In other words this is not a question of free trade or protection, but a question of right or wrong."



GETTING RIGHT GRADE.

Simple Little Apparatus Which Is Helpful for Farmers Who Have to Dig Drains.

A device for assisting in getting the grade while digging drains is described by a correspondent of American Agriculturalist. "I took a piece of board (a, a) eight feet long, seven inches wide, and nailed on two three-cornered pieces (b, b), cutting out the section of the board between them, as shown in the illustration. Then I nailed a piece of lath across



APPARATUS FOR GRADING.

the tops of the three-cornered pieces. A piece of clapboard (d) three feet long, was sharpened nearly to a point on the thin side and nailed diagonally to the side of the eight-foot board, thin edge down, so that the point of the clapboard would be about 20 inches above the center of the lath. If the lower edge of the board is straight and placed in a level position the line will hang at right angles with it. Have the edge of the lath planed. Take a sharp pencil and mark each side of the line and cut a notch on the lath. To illustrate the use of the device, when the board is level, if a two-inch block is put under one end and a notch cut behind the line, the plumb line will indicate the grade and the operator will get a two inch fall for every eight feet, eight feet being the length of the board."

MICE IN THE ORCHARD.

Unless the "Omen of Prevention" Is Resorted To They May Do Considerable Damage.

Young orchard trees are almost as likely to be injured by mice in some parts of the country as by rabbits in other places. Sometimes when the snow goes off in the spring, it is found that many trees have had their bark more or less gnawed off by mice. The injury extends from three to six inches above the ground and may entirely encircle the trunk. If the trees are small and have been completely girdled, there is little hope of saving them, especially if a wide strip of bark has been entirely removed. With larger trees or smaller injuries, much can be done to repair the damage, if the injured wood is not allowed to become dry. The wound should be immediately covered with grafting wax or a thick coat of paint and covered by a mound of earth heaped up around it. If the wound is not too large, it will in time be covered by a new growth of bark. High manuring and frequent cultivation will hasten this process of repairing the injury.

In this case, as in all others, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." An orchard should never be planted in soil, as the surrounding grass and weeds greatly increase the danger from mice. If mice are known to be in the orchard, the trunks may be covered for a distance of 20 inches from the ground with wire mosquito netting, or with thin wooden veneers, thus affording protection against rabbits and other pests also. If this has not been done, the danger may be greatly lessened by tramping the snow down hard around the trees after each storm.—Prairie Farmer.

EXPERIMENTAL STEEL ROAD.

Gives Great Satisfaction to Testers in New York City During Snowy and Slippery Weather.

Automobilists for some days past have been watching the effect in time of snow of the experimental steel road put down recently in Murray street, between Broadway and Church street, by the Automobile Club of America. Their observation tends to show that the steel rails are a great benefit to teams drawing heavy loads up the grade, as the horses do not slip so much as on the granite blocks and go easier as soon as the truck wheels strike the rails.

A number of drivers of heavy trucks, when asked their opinion of the new road, expressed themselves strongly in favor of it and as wanting more like it.

Rape Apples Promote Health.

Ripe, uncooked apples are among the most valuable of our fruits. It has been said that any man who can and will eat two good-sized apples in the course of every 24 hours, will never have gout, and if this destroyer of comfort has already fastened its fangs in his system, apples will vanquish even the most persistent form of this legacy of luxurious living. Raw apples are much to be preferred for health reasons to those that are cooked. Heat makes chemical changes and destroys or deactivates an acid that seems to act directly on the lime, salts and earthy matter created in the system by gouty and rheumatic conditions.—Farmers' Review.

This Is as Clear as Mud.

"A seed is an ultimate, trigenerational, symbiotic unit in the plant history, integrated from tissues and structures belonging to two spherophytic generations and the intervening gametophytic phase." Commenting on this definition of a "seed" given by the Botanical Gazette, the Rural New Yorker says: "We have neither time nor language to attempt to deny this statement. We would like to have the man who wrote this clear description now give an exact definition of a seeds man who catalogues the seed!"

HEALTHY WOMEN

Praise Pe-ru-na as a Cure for Colds and a Preventive of Catarrh.



MISS ELIZABETH UEBER.

MRS. M. J. BRINK

FIRST STAGE OF CATARRH

A Serious Mistake Which Thousands Are Making.

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To neglect a cold is to invite chronic catarrh. As soon as any one discovers the first symptoms of catching cold he should at once begin the use of Pe-ru-na according to directions on the bottle, and the cold is sure to pass away without leaving any bad effects.

Unless this is done the cold is almost sure to end in the second stage of catarrh, which is making so many lives miserable. If Pe-ru-na was taken every time one has a cold or cough, chronic catarrh would be practically an unknown disease.

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